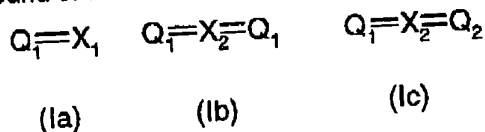


Please amend the above-identified patent application, without prejudice, as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Amend claim 1 by replacement as follows:

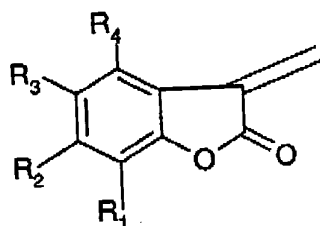
1. (Twice Amended) A compound of the formula (Ia), (Ib) or (Ic)



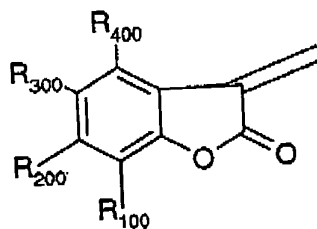
In which

Q₁ is a benzofuran-2-one of the formula (IIa), and

Q₂ is a benzofuran-2-one of the formula (IIb)



(IIa)



(IIb)

in which

R₁, R₂, R₃, R₄, R₁₀₀, R₂₀₀, R₃₀₀ or R₄₀₀ independently of one another are hydrogen, halogen, hydroxyl, cyano, ether, nitro, an amine, amide, imine, urethane, sulfonamide, ester, carboxylic acid or sulfonic acid radical or carboxylic salt, sulfonic salt or C₁-C₂₄alkyl, C₁-C₂₄alkoxy, C₁-C₂₄alkylthio, C₅-C₁₂cycloalkyl, C₅-C₁₂cycloalkoxy, C₅-C₁₂cycloalkylthio, C₂-C₂₄alkenyl, C₅-C₂₄aryl, C₇-C₂₅aralkyl, C₆-C₂₄aryloxy, C₆-C₂₄arylthio, thienyl, benzo[b]thienyl, dibenzo[b,d]thienyl, thianthrenyl, furyl, furfuryl, 2H-pyranyl, benzofuranyl, isobenzofuranyl, benzimidazolyl, benzothiazolyl, dibenzofuranyl, phenoxythiyl, pyrrolyl, imidazolyl, pyrazolyl, pyridyl, bipyridyl, triazinyl, pyrimidinyl, pyrazinyl, pyridazinyl, indoliziny, isoindolyl, indolyl, indazolyl, purinyl, quinoliziny, quinolyl, isoquinolyl, phthalazinyl, naphthyridinyl, quinoxaliny, quinazolinyl, cinnoliny, pteridinyl, carbazolyl, carbolinyl, benzotriazolyl, benzoxazolyl, phenanthridinyl, acridinyl, perimidinyl, phenanthrolinyl, phenazinyl, isothiazolyl, phenothiazinyl, isoxazolyl, furazanyl or phenoxazinyl, O-thienyl, O-benzo[b]thienyl, O-dibenzo[b,d]thienyl, O-thianthrenyl, O-furyl, O-furfuryl, O-2H-pyranyl, O-benzofuranyl, O-isobenzofuranyl, O-benzimidazolyl, O-benzothiazolyl, O-dibenzofuranyl, O-phenoxythiyl, O-pyrrolyl, O-imidazolyl, O-pyrazolyl, O-pyridyl, O-bipyridyl, O-triazinyl, O-pyrimidinyl, O-pyrazinyl, O-pyridazinyl, O-indoliziny, O-isoindolyl, O-indolyl, O-indazolyl, O-purinyl, O-quinoliziny, O-quinolyl, O-isoquinolyl, O-

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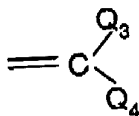
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or

R_1 and R_2 , R_2 and R_3 , R_3 and R_4 or R_{100} and R_{200} , or R_{200} and R_{300} , R_{300} and R_{400} , independently of one another in each case together are divalent radicals, such as polycyclic radicals or 1,3-butadien-1,4-ylene or $-\text{CH}=\text{CH}-\text{NH}-$, the two last radicals forming an additional fused-on 5- or 6-membered ring, and

X_1 is a hydrazone or imine radical, with the proviso that, if R_1 , R_2 , R_3 and R_4 are hydrogen, or at least one R_1 , R_2 , R_3 or R_4 is methyl, the hydrazone radical is excluded, or, if R_1 , R_2 , R_3 or R_4 is hydrogen, X_1 is not phenylimine- or 4-dimethylamine-phenylimine, or X_1 is a methylene radical,



in which

Q_3 is a primary or secondary amine radical and Q_4 is hydrogen or $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_{24}$ alkyl,

$-\text{CO}-(\text{C}_1\text{-C}_{24}\text{alkyl})$, $-\text{CO}-\text{O}-(\text{C}_1\text{-C}_{24}\text{alkyl})$, $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_{24}\text{alkoxy}$, $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_{24}\text{alkylthio}$, $\text{C}_5\text{-C}_{12}\text{cycloalkyl}$, $\text{C}_5\text{-C}_{12}\text{cycloalkoxy}$, $\text{C}_5\text{-C}_{12}\text{cycloalkylthio}$, $\text{C}_2\text{-C}_{24}\text{alkenyl}$, $\text{C}_6\text{-C}_{24}\text{aryl}$, $-\text{CO}-\text{O}-(\text{C}_6\text{-C}_{24}\text{aryl})$, $-\text{CO}-(\text{C}_6\text{-C}_{24}\text{aryl})$, $\text{C}_6\text{-C}_{24}\text{aryloxy}$, a primary or secondary amine radical, $\text{C}_6\text{-C}_{12}\text{arylthio}$, $\text{C}_7\text{-C}_{25}\text{aralkyl}$, thienyl, benzo[b]thienyl, dibenzo[b,d]thienyl, thianthrenyl, furyl, furfuryl, 2H-pyranyl, benzofuranyl, isobenzofuranyl, benzimidazolyl, benzothiazolyl, dibenzofuranyl, phenoxythiyl, pyrrolyl, imidazolyl, pyrazolyl, pyridyl, bipyridyl, triazinyl, pyrimidinyl, pyrazinyl, pyridazinyl, indolizinyl, isindolyl, indolyl, indazolyl, purinyl, quinolizinyl, quinolyl, isoquinolyl, phthalazinyl, naphthyridinyl, quinoxaliny, quinazolinyl, cinnolinyl, pteridinyl, carbazolyl, carbolinyl, benzotriazolyl, benzoxazolyl, phenanthridinyl, acridinyl, perimidinyl, phenanthrolinyl,

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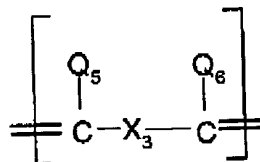
Q_3 and Q_4 together are a lactam, quinomethylene, hydantoin, acenaphthenequinone, azlactone, pyrazolonyl, barbituric acid, isoindolinone or isoindoline radical,

with the proviso that

Q_4 is not hydrogen and Q_3 is not a primary or secondary amine radical if R_3 is hydrogen, methoxy or hydroxyl and R_1 , R_2 and R_4 are hydrogen,

and

X_2 is thienyl, furyl, 2H-pyranyl, pyrrolyl, imidazolyl, pyrazolyl, pyridyl, triazinyl, pyrazinyl, pyridazinyl, morpholin, piperidyl, piperazinyl, or is



in which

X_3 is a single bond, C_6 - C_{24} arylene, thienylene, benzo[b]thienylene, dibenzo[b,d]thienylene, thianthre-nylene, furylene, furfurylene, 2H-pyranylene, benzofuranylene, isobenzofuranylene, di-benzofuranylene, phenoxythinylen, pyrrolylene, imidazolylene, pyrazolylene, pyridylene, bipyridylene,

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b nzmimidazolylen, benzothiazolylen, triazinylene, pyrimidinylene, pyrazinylene, pyridazinylene, indolizinylen, isoindolylen, indolylen, indazolylen, purinylen, quinolizinylen, quinolylen, isoquinolylen, phthalazinylene, naphthyridinylen, quinoxalinylen, quinazolinylen, cinnolinylen, pteridinylene, carbazolylen, carbolinylen, benzotriazolylen, benzoxazolylen, phenanthridinylen, acridinylen, perimidinylen, phenanthrolinylen, phenazinylene, isothiazolylen, phenothiazinylen, isoxazolylen, furazanylen or phenoxazinylen 1,2-phenylene, 1,3-phenylene, 1,4-phenylene or naphthylene, or a tetravalent polyether, polyimine, polyamine radical, or bi(C₆-C₂₄)arylene, bipyridylene, bipyrrolylen, piperazinedionylen, quinodimethylene, imidazolonylen, isoindolinylen, and anthraquinoylfuranoylen, C₂-C₂₄alkenylene, in which bi(C₆-C₂₄)arylene, bipyridylene, bipyrrolylen, piperazinedionylen, quinodimethylene, imidazolonylen, isoindolinylen, and anthraquinoylfuranoylen or C₂-C₂₄alkenylene are optionally interrupted by one or more intermediate units selected from the group consisting of -CH=CH-, -CH=N-, -N=N-, -CR₄₄R₄₂-, -CO-, -COO-, -OCO-, -NR₄₂CO-, -CONR₄₂-, -O-, -S-, -SO-, -SO₂- or -NR₄₂-,

in which

R₄₂ and R₄₄ independently of one another are hydrogen, C₁-C₂₄alkyl, C₅-C₁₂cycloalkyl, C₂-C₂₄alkenyl, C₆-C₂₄aryl, C₇-C₂₅aralkyl or thienyl, benzo[b]thienyl, dibenzo[b,d]thienyl, thianthrenyl, furyl, furfuryl, 2H-pyran, benzofuranyl, isobenzofuranyl, benzimidazolyl, benzothiazolyl, dibenzofuranyl, phenoxythiyl, pyrrolyl, imidazolyl, pyrazolyl, pyridyl, bipyridyl, triazinyl, pyrimidinyl, pyrazinyl, pyridazinyl, indolizinyll, isoindolyl, indolyl, indazolyl, purinyl, quinolizinyll, quinolyl, isoquinolyl, phthalazinyl, naphthyridinyl, quinoxalinyll, quinazolinyll, cinnolinyll, pteridinyl, carbazolyl, carbolinyll, benzotriazolyl, benzoxazolyl, phenanthridinyl, acridinyl, perimidinyl, phenanthrolinyl, phenazinyl, isothiazolyl, phenothiazinyl, isoxazolyl, furazanyl or phenoxazinyl,

with the proviso that if R₁, R₂, R₃, R₄, R₁₀₀, R₂₀₀, R₃₀₀, R₄₀₀ are all tert-butyl or all hydrogen, Q₅ and Q₆ are hydrogen, X₃ is not 1,4-phenylene, and

Q₅ and Q₆ independently of one another are hydrogen, C₆-C₂₄aryl, C₆-C₂₄aryloxy, C₁-C₂₄alkyl, C₁-C₂₄alkoxy, C₁-C₂₄alkylthio, C₅-C₁₂cycloalkyl, C₅-C₁₂cycloalkoxy, C₅-C₁₂cycloalkylthio, C₂-C₂₄alkenyl, C₆-C₂₄aryl, C₆-C₂₄aryloxy, C₆-C₂₄arylthio, thienyl, benzo[b]thienyl, dibenzo[b,d]thienyl, thianthrenyl, furyl, furfuryl, 2H-pyran, benzofuranyl, isobenzofuranyl, benzimidazolyl, benzothiazolyl, dibenzofuranyl, phenoxythiyl, pyrrolyl, imidazolyl, pyrazolyl, pyridyl, bipyridyl, triazinyl, pyrimidinyl, pyrazinyl, pyridazinyl, indolizinyll, isoindolyl, indolyl, indazolyl, purinyl, quinolizinyll, quinolyl, isoquinolyl, phthalazinyl, naphthyridinyl, quinoxalinyll, quinazolinyll, cinnolinyll, pteridinyl, carbazolyl, carbolinyll, benzotriazolyl, benzoxazolyl, phenanthridinyl, acridinyl, perimidinyl, phenanthrolinyl, phenazinyl, isothiazolyl, phenothiazinyl, isoxazolyl, furazanyl or phenoxazinyl O-thienyl, O-benzo[b]thienyl, O-dibenzob[b,d]thienyl, O-thianthr nyl, O-furyl, O-furfuryl, O-2H-pyran, O-benzofuranyl, O-

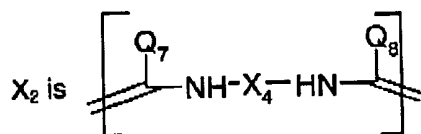
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or



in which

Q_7 and Q_8 independently of one another are Q_5 or Q_6 , and

X_4 is C_6 - C_{24} arylene, A_5 - A_{18} heteroarylene, a polymethylidene or divalent polyether, polyimine, polyamine radical, or bi(C_6 - C_{24})arylene, bipyridylene, bipyrrylene, piperazinedionylene, quinodimethylene, imidazolonylen, isoindolinylen, and anthraquinoylfuranoylen C_2 - C_{24} alkenylene, in which bi(C_6 - C_{24})arylene, bipyridylene, bipyrrylene, piperazinedionylene, quinodimethylene, imidazolonylen, isoindolinylen, and anthraquinoylfuranoylen or C_2 - C_{24} alkenylene are optionally interrupted by one or more intermediate units selected from the group consisting of $-\text{CH}=\text{CH}-$, $-\text{CH}=\text{N}-$, $-\text{N}=\text{N}-$, $-\text{CR}_{44}\text{R}_{42}-$, $-\text{CO}-$, $-\text{COO}-$, $-\text{OCO}-$, $-\text{NR}_{42}\text{CO}-$, $-\text{CONR}_{42}-$, $-\text{O}-$, $-\text{S}-$, $-\text{SO}-$, $-\text{SO}_2-$ or $-\text{NR}_{42}-$,

or

